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Subject: Region 4 Weekend Report

Administrator,

I am pleased to submit Region 4's weekend update on behalf of Anne Heard, Acting RA.

Thank you – Ken

Hot Issues

Chemical Release to Cape Fear River (Chemours Facility) – ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

Key Message: Chemours (formerly DuPont) manufactures the chemical GenX, a processing aid that enables the production of high-performance fluoropolymers without the use of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The free acid GenX precursor chemical has been found in the Wilmington, NC, drinking water system.

- **(Update)** Region 4 provided an update to the Office of Enforcement of Compliance Assurance, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, and EPA Regions 2, 3 and 5 regarding the June 28-29, 2017, TSCA Inspection at the Chemours facility located in Fayetteville, NC. Chemours also provided Region 4 the inspection data (records) that were requested during the June TSCA inspection. The records are currently being reviewed to determine compliance with TSCA.
- **(Update)** Region 4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System staff and NC Department of Environmental Quality staff participated in a site visit of the facility on July 27, 2017.

Ensysstex, II Imports Matter – ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

Key Message: EPA Region 4 recommended a Stop Sale, Use or Removal Order (SSURO) to allow Ensysstex, II to relabel a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act noncompliant imports shipment and achieve compliance. On July 19, 2017, Region 4 submitted a request to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to expedite a decision to proceed with the issuance of the SSURO.

- **(Update)** A for cause inspection of the shipment was conducted at the Port of Savannah on July 25, 2017.
- **(Update)** The SSURO was issued on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Oak Ridge Reservation (U.S. DOE, Oak Ridge, TN)

Key Message: A Senior Executive Committee (SEC) was held July 27th in Nashville, Tennessee with EPA, DOE, and TDEC.

- SEC members agreed to jointly work on identifying the characterization needed to move forward with a proposed plan. The parties also agreed to identify ARARs, and complete waste acceptance criteria modeling.
- A video teleconference will be held the week of August 22nd amongst the SEC members to review the progress made. The SEC dispute resolution period was extended to August 30th.

Upcoming Public Events

None this week

Upcoming Major Decisions

Mississippi Phosphates Corporation Site (Pascagoula, MS)

Key Message: A request for a ceiling increase for the continuation of Time Critical Removal Action has been drafted and will be submitted to HQs for approval.

- Due to heavy rainfall, both the surge capacity and freeboard requirement have been drastically affected, and maintaining a minimum site-wide freeboard of 2.25 feet and surge capacity of 10.2 inches have been difficult.
- The increased amounts of waste water to be treated have impacted the burn rate of current funding. It is anticipated that current funding will be exhausted by November 1st. Additional funding is needed to continue stabilization activities at the site through September 2018.
- The increase of \$12M will bring the total project ceiling to \$25M (\$22M funded through the Regional Removal Allowance).

Last Week Highlights

None this week.

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